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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): WANG, Ming-Tsong; SU, Di-Shi; YANG, Chia-Ming; TSAI, Ching-Ming

For: PROCESS FOR FORMING METAL DAMASCENE STRUCTURE TO PREVENT  
DIELECTRIC LAYER PEELING

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of TWENTY (20) pages
- ☒ EIGHT (8) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Applicant does not claim priority

- ☐ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on .  
☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☐ Original ☒ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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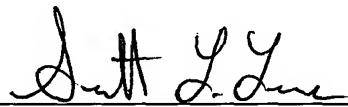
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